

BEANS AND PRUNES EULOGY OUTLINE.

I really am grateful that you came here today, on behalf of my father, and to show your support. I really want to be careful to take time to enjoy each others company, And I hope that you get the chance to strengthen relationships that have not been attended to in a while, Maybe start some new ones, and even repair some damaged ones. Take advantage of this day which is marked as a day of healing, and nurturing. Today is the perfect excuse for those activities.

We come together on these types of occasions to honor a **loved one** who has passed, but more and more I find that this is really more about the living. So I want to focus now on the **Loving ones who remain.**

We will talk about who deserves what later, but many of you, putting all thoughts of justice and injustice aside, should recognize that **my father all along began and remained a very blessed man from the beginning.** Let me explain. Lets begin with the fact that in his own family there were two girls and two boys. One of the boys dies very young. As strong willed as my father thought he was, I know my father had no choice as to which one, so outside of his own will still he remained Blessed to have the chance to continue.

LIST WAYS IN WHICH HE WAS BLESSED AND USE IT TO HONOR THOSE IN HIS LIFE.

- MARION-JIDGE
- NAVY OUTSIDE WARTIME-NO REAL JAIL TIME
- SON AND ANOTHER SON-DAUGHTER IN LAW
- DRS.-NURSES
- CAREGIVERS-HOME

Tried to help my father understand how connected our lives are when it was obvious. (Beans and Prunes). Not his will, our will connected.

Tie in Mercy instead of fairness. Glad we do not get what we deserve, and that goes for all of us.

Not what we have it's who we have.

African quote. "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to far, go together"

We recognize dolphins.

We are made for relationships, that is why we are deficient, so we find each other.

Chance to serve unconditionally the way God loves us, not because we deserve it, but because of his mercy. So be careful not to wish or pray for whats fair. Lets focus on mercy and continue to echo Gods love with how we treat each other.

Unforgiveness killed my father I told the coroner as they carted my fathers body away. If you house any of that poison in the deepest corners of your mind. I urge you to pour it out now and discard it as fast as you can, so you can live to accept and appreciate your blessings and the mercy we receive without deserving it.

FORMAT.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE** SERVICE TRADITIONALLY HONOR A LOVED ONE WHO HAS PASSED. I BELIEVE THAT WHEN SOME ONE WE LOVE DIES, THAT LIFE IS HONORED BEST BY MAKING SENSE OF IT FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN. AND WE WILL DO THAT HERE, BUT FIRST, AND IN HARMONY WITH THAT PURPOSE, WE WILL HONOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR MY FATHER.

HE HAD A BLESSED LIFE, BECAUSE HE WAS LOVED AND CARE FOR BY SOME AMAZINGLY SELFLESS PEOPLE WHO DID SO REGARDLESS.

2. **CALL OUT THE HONORABLE PEOPLE**

WHO WERE A BLESSING TO HIM. Backwards. **Medical.** Nurses, drs. Physical therapy, rehab. Jen, lorena, Edie, **Neighbors**, Finola, dougs, Brad,Sue, Harold, Jeff Gillbert, Jim, cooper. **Clergy.** Pastor Peter, Deacon Joe, **Friends**, Jidge, Giovanni,Tony Callabrese, Montags, BLESSED all the way back to **Bobby not him and My mom. Sprinkle in destructive choices, decisions, and behavior, even rough on the walls and lamps and fabric .**

3. **FAIRNESS, UNDESERVING, BLESSINGS:** His life is proof positive that “get what you deserve” vengeance, If we choose to remember the destructive life, than this day today let us honor him by giving it meaning. Lets honor his destructive behavior one last time today, As we declare that his life has meaning for us who remain, who need to know through him that his greatest act of destruction is that he destroyed the notion that **You get what you deserve**, the notion that we should choose to focus on what’s fair and what’s not fair.

4. **CONCLUSION: My FATHERS LIFE DESTROYED THE FAIRNESS DELUSION.** Let us leave here with a new focus away from FAIRNESS. My father should have killed that for you. Know that none of us get what we deserve. And thank GOD, because we would all be much worse off then we are. Instead while we were looking for fairness, ALL ALONG, LIKE MY FATHER WE WERE RECEIVING MERCY AND GODS GRACE. It comes through a wife like mine who loved her father in law with or without his cooperation. A caregiver like jen, or shawn, or lorena, in the end. It is not what we have or have not, but who we have with. My father was a blessed man, right up to his final breath. God loved him through the people that were PLACED his life even without his willingness. I pose this. That the best things that ever happened to my father in his strong stubborn willed life were the things that he did not will for himself. Let us recognize the importance of our

relationships, starting with God. His will for our life is much better than the ones we choose for ourselves.

That is what matters, **The things always wind up with some one else who cares less for it than we do.**

But the relationships last like real treasure that is cherished and lasting long after we are gone.